THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BAND ARU D ATTATRAYA): (a) Railway administration is responsible for loss or theft of booked luggage only.

(b) In the case of booked luggage, the claim can be filed either by the consignee/the endorsed consignee or the consignor/any other agent on production of authority from the consignee.

Claims for compensation should be made on the prescribed proforma to the General Manager or Chief Commercial Manager or Chief Claims Officer or at station goods shed or at parcel office either at booking Railway or destination Railway or the railway on which loss or theft has occurred. Claims should be filed within six months from the date of booking with necessary documents like Railway Receipt, Beejuck or Sale invoice of the goods, etc.

(c) Compensation amounting to Rs. 921.64 lakhs was paid for loss or theft of goods, parcel and luggage during 2002-03.

Extension of Rail Lines in Uttaranchal

4471. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Railways for extension of Railway lines in Uttaranchal State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work for new rail lines is to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BAND ARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) An updating Survey for new line from Kiccha to Khatima has been completed and proposal has been processed for necessary approvals.

Demand of Wagons

4472. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be -eased to state:

(a) whether the Western Railway is unable to meet the demand of wagons required by onion, lime stone, cement, salt associations etc. in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and